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Cc: Juett, Lynn[Juett.Lynn@epa.gov]
From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Wed 3/25/2015 4:15:39 PM
Subject: RE: Follow Up Community Engagement

Mark,

Pasted below is the updated community outreach information. You were correct – we did the trip in February, not March. Please let me know if I can do anything else.

Here is some updated information on outreach and engagement with the community.

Our website has an announcement for the next CAG meeting. That meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13. Region 7 will have representatives at that meeting. We are also meeting on April 1 with the technical advisory committee from the CAG to develop questions and identify information they would like presented at the April 13 meeting.

Here is a brief summary of community outreach and engagement since April 2014 .

- Prior to the BMAC screening, Karl met with CAG leadership at the BMAC facility to discuss the upcoming work. During the work at BMAC, our Community Involvement Coordinator met with CAG leadership and community members over the course of several days while on-site for the project.

- Beginning in May 2014, the CAG started monthly meetings. Region 7 staff attended CAG meetings from May through October. At these CAG meetings we provided presentations on the latest EPA activities at the site and took time to meet individually with community members who attended the CAG meetings. The CAG also submitted questions to us monthly, which we answered and returned to the CAG.

- In the fall, we also met with executives of the Hussmann Corporation, which operates a large facility adjacent to the West Lake Landfill. This was in response to request for information on our efforts at WL.

- There was no CAG meeting in November. There were CAG meetings in December, February, and March which EPA did not attend. For those CAG meetings Region 7 engaged with the CAG to coordinate and provide support, even though we did not directly participate in those meetings.

- The CAG submitted questions on behalf of the community and Region 7 provided answers those questions and return them to the CAG.

- The Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) contract remains in place and Terri Boguski, lead TASC contractor, continues to coordinate closely with, and provide technical support for, the CAG and the community.

- Region 7 has conducted two community outreach trips since December 2014. On December 1-2 2014, the Remedial Project Manager, his Supervisor and the Senior Advisor to the RA/DRA and the Community Involvement Coordinator visited St. Louis and met with Missouri State Rep. Bill Otto (and his advisor Harvey Ferdman), Mayor Conrad Bowers of Bridgeton, Matt LaVanchy (Pattonville Fire District), CAG leadership, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment (MCE), Just Moms STL, and the Earth City Board of Trustees. We also met individually with community members who do not attend or participate in the CAG meetings.

- On February 12-13 2015, the Remedial Project Manager and the Community Involvement Coordinator conducted another community outreach trip and met with MCE, Dr. Faisal Khan (new St. Louis County Health Director), Matt LaVanchy (Pattonville Fire District), CAG leadership, and community members who do not participate or attend CAG meetings. We reached out to the Earth City Board of Trustees and offered a meeting on this trip they declined saying it was not necessary at that time. Just Moms STL was offered a meeting but was unable to attend at the last minute.

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- In the past year we also completely overhauled the West Lake Landfill page on Region 7’s website to better provide information to the community, and distributed 30 issues of the West Lake Update via email directly to community members.

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From: Hague, Mark

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BEN....I MADE A FEW EDITS CAN YOU LOOK THIS OVER AND MAKE SURE I DIDN'T LOSE ANY OF THE SUBSTANCE. ALSO COFIRM THE DATES FOR: CAG TECH ADVIS CMT, CAG MEETING AND WHEN YOU AND BRAD WENT TO STL....THOUGHT IT WAS EARLIER THAN MARCH?

THANKS...JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR.

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